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Ruth Hamilton..... Editor-in-Chief
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GREETING

Go, little book, whose pages hold,
Four short years in loving favor,
Never cease 'til you have told,
That success is the reward of labor.

Deal gently with us, ye who read!
Our largest hope is unfulfilled,—
The promise still outruns the deed,—
The tower, but not the spire, we build.



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Motto: "Success is the reward of labor."

Yell: "Loyal to Our High School
 Loyal all the time,
 Always loyal to the class
 Of nineteen hundred nine."

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Friends, Classmates and Alumni:-

IT is with great pleasure that I, in behalf of the class of nineteen hundred and nine, now bid you welcome to our class day exercises. I say pleasure for, when we look into your faces, we cannot help feeling your interest in us and it gives us a new inspiration and determination to reach the standards which you have a right to expect of us as alumni of our Alma Mater.

We are proud to have the beginning of our careers in graduating from a school that has the high standing and good record that Mexico Academy and High School has always had. We hope that we may do nothing as graduates to lower its standards. We feel that we have a share in keeping up its reputation.

As a class, we would thank the members of the faculty for their interest and guidance during our high school course. Although some of you have been with us but a few years, we feel that our lives have been made better and brighter for having been influenced by yours.

To the class of nineteen hundred and ten we bid the most hearty welcome. We shall endeavor to interest you especially and hope that you will not criticize us too harshly.

We shall not only endeavor to entertain you but, also, to make you better acquainted with our class. We will do this by giving you a brief history of our past. Our prophet holds our fate and it is with great interest that we anticipate what we are about to learn concerning what the future holds in store for us as individuals.

And now at this commencement time, as the class of 1909, we again bid you a hearty welcome and sincerely hope that your evening may be both pleasantly and profitably spent.

DORR P. HARTSON

CLASS HISTORY

IT seems almost impossible to us, to-night, that our school days, "those dear, old, golden rule days," in Mexico Academy, are at an end. How short these four years here have been! Now they live in memory only, but how fondly will we cherish them there.

Now, as we are about to leave our dear, old school, it is altogether fitting that such an unusually bright class as we have been, should leave a written history of its past. Four years ago, we entered Mexico Academy, sixty-two strong. Now only about one-fourth of us remain. But we must remember that it is ever only the fittest who survive. Some of the number, who have left us, are "teaching young minds to shoot;" several have entered into the bliss of matrimony; still others have fallen into the lower ranks. (How small and insignificant the Junior class would be, if several of our wayward wanderers had not joined them, to help them on their weary way.) But we here to-night represent the fittest.

We have proved ourselves, since we entered here four years ago, to be a very illustrious class. That we have all worked very hard is a fact, which no one, who knows anything about us, doubts in the least. For no class, which has ever graduated before us from Mexico Academy, have the requirements been so high, seventy-two counts being required for graduation. However, *we*, of course, did not, in the least, mind these high demands. Indeed, we have gloried in overcoming such difficulties.

While brilliancy, perseverance, and faithfulness to our duties have been our most prominent characteristics, we have exhibited many other praise-worthy virtues. Chief of these is our charity. We have been prominent in doing deeds of benevolence.

On the tenth of last February, our noble class organized as Seniors, at the home of Miss Laura Dunlap, who was chosen as our beloved vice-president. At this meeting, we decided to retain the colors, which we had had for the two previous years—maroon and silver gray. At this time we showed what an amazingly great understanding we had of parliamentary rules. All of our officers were chosen. Mr. Hartson was duly elected president, and has made a very capable one. He possesses but one weakness: this is his love for pleasure. He went so far as to go away on a pleasure trip, and not return for over two weeks,

leaving the class in the meantime, to their own devices. In every other respect, we have never found any fault in him; and even an exceeding love for pleasure should not be too severely criticized, for we all have our individual weaknesses.

Along with our work, we have had many happy times together. We have always tried to keep in mind, however, that, if we would reach the longed-for goal, we must study some. Since our organization, we have spent several very pleasant evenings together. On the evening of May fourth, we were delightfully entertained by Miss Florence Avery and Miss Grace Sherman at the home of Miss Avery. On the twelfth of May, we were given a very enjoyable evening at the home of Miss Mildred Smith.

Some may wonder why we, as a class, have always been victorious in all of our conflicts. To such we will reveal the secret of our strength. There are several reasons why the enemy could never stand before us. The most important of these reasons is that the (W)right was always on our side. Another reason is the bravery of our generals. Who, that has studied history, does not realize that bravery permeates such families as that of Wallace and Sherman, and also that of Hamilton? We also have A-very brave Austin. Still another reason for our unusual strength is that Sam(p)son dwells among us.

Some members of our class have exhibited peculiar characteristics. Miss Smith is noted for her love of pets, especially of cats. Mr. Wallace possesses an unusually keen insight in making discoveries as to the true nature of things. Mr. Craner is a very well be-haved young gentleman, except at times, when he has slight attacks of insanity. He possesses wonderful power of looking into the future and foretelling events. Miss Spicer is true to her name, nothing ever being stale when she is present. We are all justly proud of Miss Eastman, who is a wonderful inventor. It is needless to mention the Eastman Kodaks in this connection.

Such has been our past. What our future is to be will be revealed to us by our prophet. But, in whatever sphere of life it may be spent, let us ever strive to prove an honor to our Alma Mater.

JOSIE EMMA JENKINS.

PROPHECY

UP! Up! Up! Mother Earth seems to be sinking out of sight. Our, classmate Sampson, having designed a new aeroplane, upon which he has been working for 15 years since he finished High School, invited me to go with him on a trip around the world to test its expediency but unfortunately for us at this moment the rudder has become useless. The machine ascends rapidly upward for millions of miles. Suddenly the machine stops. We have landed on a small planet. Strange people gather about and lead us into a large building, near at hand, at the entrance of which we read "Mother Shipton's Abode."

On the inside, the walls are piled high with parchments, which are on shelves like books. As I take one down, I am surprised to find the heading, "Eva Spicer." Upon reading I find that since leaving college, she has devoted her life to the cause of woman suffrage and by hard work in giving stump speeches by day and lectures by night, has secured the privilege of voting for all town officers.

Looking to my right I discern the name of Roy Austin which shines very brightly in the dim light and therefore I conclude he must have won great renown. He has constructed a large series of mirrors around the earth so that there will be perpetual light. The reason for his great undertaking is, that in the future other "fellows" will not be "afraid to go home in the dark" at two oclock in the morning.

The next appellation which catches my eye is "Laura Dunlap." She took a course in Oswego Normal after which she returned to take Miss Seeley's place teaching in the grades. She is taking so much interest in her work that, so far, matrimony has escaped her, which is very natural, for she never cared for the boys while in High School.

"Josie Jenkins" is the title of the next manuscript. She was the first woman, but not the first member of our class, to hear wedding bells. She went with her husband to the planet Mars as the first missionary from the United States and is still working there quite assiduously.

In bold and glaring letters, I read the inscription of Dorr Hartson. After obtaining his E. E. in Syracuse University, he developed Salmon River Falls, which had a head of only 23

feet of water, into the greatest electrical power of central New York. He received an annuity of three million pennies from this scheme and three fourths of this he invested in the west, whereby he harnessed the water power of three growing western states, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

I am surprised to decipher the name of Blanche Eastman. After graduating from Oberlin, she entered Mt. Holyoke college and soon became the head of the physical culture department. It seems strange that she should take up this kind of work for she always preferred mathematical work, while in High School.

Upon recognizing the designation of Glenn Wallace on another paper, I see that he took up the practice of law for a time, and gained great distinction and reputation in winning his first case, which was one of the fair residents of Mexico. From law, he turned his attention to science, in a way, and invented all kinds of new chicken apparatus. By condensed air, electricity and Crook's tubes, he has produced a new variety of hens with feathers of marvelous colors, fine and ostrich-like in length and texture. The fowls are marvels of their kind, being larger than an ordinary turkey.

In surveying the article of Mildred Smith, who, in school, was so quick and demure, I see that she has been traveling about to such places as Union Square, Daysville, Colosse, Butterfly and Vermillion and speaking at each place to advertise a new electrical device, by means of which farmers can do their work and remain in the house. Her oratory and personal magnetism seem to hypnotize her audiences, so she sells hundreds of machines and perhaps, unsuspecting souls, by her bewildering promises.

Looking around, I espy another nomenclature that of Ruth Hamilton, while in Normal, studying to teach, she changed her whole course in life becoming acquainted with a New York girl with whom she learned to be a "New Thoughter." These achieve the "Life More Abundant" by living to the good old age of 100 on a simple diet.

Hearing a noise, which proves to be a loud, angry voice, I flee from the terrible building, followed by the curious rabble of Zah darms. I push on the wrecked machine, which gives way as if by magic and, in an instant, is going down with the speed of lightning. All of a sudden, there is a crash, and I awake to find that I have been asleep and this is all a dream.

CLASS WILL

THE class of 1909 having been informed by their physicians that on the 21st day of June, they must die, have thought best to dispose of their property.

We the class of 1909, of Mexico Academy and High School, in the town of Mexico, County of Oswego, and State of New York, aged four years, being of sound mind and body, do ordain and declare this our last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills heretofore made by us, and dispose of our property in the following manner.

First, after all our lawful debts are paid and discharged, we give, bequeath and devise to the Board of Education and Faculty, our sincere thanks and full appreciation of their assistance during our senior year and other years spent in High School.

To our dear friends the Juniors, we leave patience and perseverance, give them the privilege of occupying the back seats, and also a penny to be used as a nucleus for their funds next year. We will leave the penny in the hands of their worthy president, Gail Smedley.

To Helen Hoose and Harold Whitney—We give the privilege of occupying the back seat in chapel after the close of school.

To Donald Stone—We bequeath a bread and milk set.

To Eliza Emory—We give a quieting powder to be taken immediately after being offended by her teacher.

To Arthur Craner we give some wheat to take to his (M)iller.

We give a lemon to Wanda Rogers—Because—

To Grace Ulery—We give a Stone.

We give Charles Byington—Permission to smile on all the girls.

To Marguerite Hartwell—We give permission to leave school at any time.

To Bessie Elmhirst—We give a package of Allen's Foot Ease.

We give an essay entitled "The Knights of the Round Table" to Bessie Burrows. This essay especially brings out the character of King Arthur in whom she is deeply interested.

To George Woodruff—We give some cough drops, which we hope he will share with Donald Stone, Jessie Jordon and Harold Whitney.

We give Lena Guyett—Permission to board the ships of the navy.

To Grace Clemens—We give a pony to replace the one she has had the misfortune to lose.

To Paul Gleason—We give a book entitled "Mildred."

Since Lulu Tackley is looking for a beaux, We will give her one.

Likewise we make, constitute and appoint Marie Dunlap of Mexico, N. Y. and Ernest Harrington of Wellwood, N. Y. to be the sole executors of this, our last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals, this 21st day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Signed,

CLASS OF '09.

Witnesses:

HELEN HOOSE

FRED SPAFFORD

EVA L. SPICER

PRESENTATIONS

We present to Laura Dunlap, a Sweet William, which we desire that she care for.

To Albert Craner—A few Mother Hubbard Rhymes.

To Roy Austin—A copy of Avery's Physics.

To Ruth Hamilton—A permit to walk in the cemetery because of her liking for Graves.

To Dorr Hartson—A cook book.

To Glenn Wallace—A marriage license, so that he will not find it necessary to go out of the state to get one.

To Grace Sherman—The "Life of Wallace."

To Blanche Eastman—A candle that she may use when studying at midnight.

To Josie Jenkins—Some flour because of her liking for it.

To Mildred Smith—A chaperon to accompany her when out riding with her gentleman friend.

SUCCESS IS THE REWARD OF LABOR

Ah! let others proclaim of vict'ry
On the field, where brave men e'er have striven,
Where real honor repays the successful
But where some to grim death have been driven;
Still there's one, who will write of a battle
That was fought not with sword nor with sabre
Yet established this truth as a motto
That success is the reward of labor.

We, 'tis true, have attained this one triumph
Of our efforts, not all were in vain,
But the future will find us aye striving
For (a) success that's much greater to gain;
These four years spent as classmates are ended,
Though our lives lead apart, we'll endeavor
To preserve and apply as our motto
That success is the reward of labor.

Oh time! you've afforded much pleasure
Many trials have o'er taken us, too
But dear Alma Mater we'll treasure
With hearts always loyal and true;
Our youth is the time for beginnings
The time for the sowing of seeds,
That we may rejoice in its winnings,
A reward for all worthy deeds.

As we leave thy dear halls, Alma Mater
For the lessons life's schooling discloses,
Other faces will beam in your doorways,
Other fingers will strive for your roses;
Oh may they fulfil ever their duty
And find for themselves, that one treasure
Which the parting '09's did before them
'Tis,—“Success is the reward of labor.”

ADDRESS TO UNDERGRADUATES

Students of Mexico Academy and High School:

AT the time we entered upon our High School duties, we gave no definite thought to the culmination of affairs which is to cause our separation now. But later, while sharing our work and pleasure, we began to realize in how great esteem we held you and how difficult it would be to part from you, for to-night we are compelled to sever relations from you as a class. Necessarily we must drift apart now, some of us advancing to greater fields of education and usefulness, while you return next year to fill the vacancies made by the advancement of the next higher class.

In this responsible position, you will be conscious of the necessity of counsel and advice, which, according to the time honored custom, we willingly, though modestly, now give hoping you will accept it kindly. We do not intend to tell you what you "should," or "should not" do, but only endeavor to impress upon you your responsibility toward each other and toward the school. This feeling of responsibility does not come in a moment, but deepens daily. In the past year, we have realized that much depended upon us and now realize that the work must be further carried on by you.

Mexico Academy has a high standard, but the Faculty, though having the best interests of the school at heart, cannot keep to this standard, much less raise it, without the hearty co-operation of the students themselves.

To the Freshmen and Sophomores, I would say, be even more loyal to your Alma Mater than in the past. By your loyalty, you will influence the classes of the future, so that when you depart, your memory will be cherished by all, who have known you.

We now wish to thank you, Juniors, for the peaceful attitude, which you have shown during this year. We cannot help feeling that this is due to the great awe and respect in which you hold our class. We hope, however, that the information

given in your "yell" may not be true, but that you will be Seniors, rather than Juniors, in 1910 We now bid you farewell and assure you that when you graduate you will be welcomed by the Alumni, if you have, in some degree, reached the lofty ideal set by the class of '09.

GLENN L. WALLACE.



JUNIOR RESPONSE

Class of 1909:

IT gives me pleasure to respond in behalf of so estimable a class as the class of 1910. We wish to congratulate you upon your success in reaching the end of your high school work and we feel confident that you will meet with as great success in whatever you may undertake.

We wish to thank you for the advice which you now give and for any which you have given in the past for we suppose that such wise advice could have arisen from no other source than experience. As Freshmen, we might not have been so willing to accept it, but as Juniors we realize that we may be able to profit by it.

With the exception of one conflict, we, as two classes, have been very peaceful which was mostly due to our agreeable nature. Although we cannot hope to gain greater knowledge than you have gained, we hope to be able to set as good examples for our followers as you have set for us. We realize that the responsibilities of seniors which have weighed so heavily upon your shoulders throughout the past year, must soon be ours. Although a hard task as you all know, it is one to which we are eagerly looking forward.

As we bid you, the class of 1909, farewell, we wish to extend our good wishes to each and everyone of you.

IRENE M. LINDSLEY.

SOPHOMORE RESPONSE

Seniors of 1909:

BROTHERS! The tribe of Sophomore is at peace with the tribe of Senior. Scalps of our nation have never been trophies of war to be exhibited in the smoke of your council fire; neither can it be said that harm has come to your long house by the hand of our warriors. The belts of peace, which we have held in all honour, we still retain in token of a truce between our nations forever.

On the long trail which leads you forth from this four years' council, there may be few reminders of the days when the birch smoke of knowledge curled and drifted about you, creating by its magic, dreams of a victorious future in which our hatchets, buried so deeply and so long, will never be unearthed.

In that great future, the enemies of your nation shall be the enemies of the tribe of Sophomore and the blessings which may come to us, we will gladly share even though you have left our lodges to take the varying trail which leads through the Great Forest. Over this trail sweep all the winds of heaven; along its windings bloom the fairest flowers of nature; here, although the pine trees cast long shadows, the mighty Sun will never fail to shine upon you and, at last, as valiant warriors, give you victory.

MARGARET O. BECKER.

FRESHMAN RESPONSE

IT is with pleasure that I respond, to you Seniors, in behalf of the Freshman class. As anything seems greater when contrasted with something very small, in describing your position among us, we will take as the unit of comparison, the insignificant Freshmen.

During the year past, you were like the choicest flower tended with utmost care, while we resembled the more abundant grass here as a matter of course but not worth mentioning. (Sept. 8) You were similar to the majestic lion, independent and fearing none. We were like the timid lambs, chased about, sometimes in fear of going hungry on account of the prowling wolves (March 31).

Such you have been but now, you remind me of a mighty river which, a long journey accomplished, forms a placid lake and rests before taking its onward course of usefulness. We are like the mountain brook fretting over the stones or dashing down rapids on our way to the seas'r (Caesar) (?)

Oh! the trials of a Freshman! Alas! alas! our only pleasure is that of proclaiming your glory with perhaps a small chance of one day filling your empty places. We part from you with sadness. Take with you our best wishes as you start out on life's work.

ELIZA EMERY '12



JUNIOR OFFICERS

Gail Smedley.....President
 Irene Lindsley.....Vice President
 Vesta Spicer.....Secretary and Treasurer
 Lloyd Lowell.....Business Manager
 Florence Henderson.....Historian

Colors: Maroon and White Motto: Non palma sine labore

Yell: One zip, two zip, three zip zen
 Juniors, Juniors, 1910.



First Row—Byington, Elmhirst, Lowell, Guyett, Whitney
Second Row—Hubbard, Spicer, Holly, Smedley, Row, Lindsley, Henderson
Third Row—Munson, Clemens, Fenner

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

WE, the Juniors, have conquered every obstacle that has arisen thus far in our pathway. Even so formidable an enemy as Caesar did not terrify us. We learned, without a shudder, of the terrible proscriptions of Sulla. This year, we have conquered that most fearful monster, "Henry the Fifth."

Our class organized on February 24th, with 19 members. We appointed for our officers, Gail Smedley, president; Irene Lindsley, vice-president; Vesta Spicer, secretary and treasurer; and Lloyd Lowell, business manager.

March 8th, we gave a maple sugar social, which, owing to our ability, proved a great success. In this same week on the 10th, we won a great victory (?) over the Seniors and their Sophomore allies, leaving them wounded on the field, while we rode away in triumph, amid the cheers of our friends, to spend a pleasant evening with Bessie Elmhirst in New Haven.

April 27th, we were entertained by the Freshmen at the home of Grace Boyd, a very enjoyable time was reported by all.

May 6th, at one o'clock, p. m. the Juniors had their pictures taken. On the same day at two p. m. the third year English class met at Stone's ice cream parlors.

Volumes could be said of this interesting and intellectual class, but modesty forbids that we should be a band of boasters.

Our aim is to continue to the end, in the path we have chosen, keeping ever in view, our class motto,

"Non Palma sine labore."



Some things yet to Learn

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

George Woodruff.....	President
Grace Ulery.....	Vice President
Jessie Jordan.....	Secretary and Treasurer
Lona Smith.....	Historian
Colors: Gold and Brown	Flower: Brown-Eyed Susan
Motto: "Step by Step."	



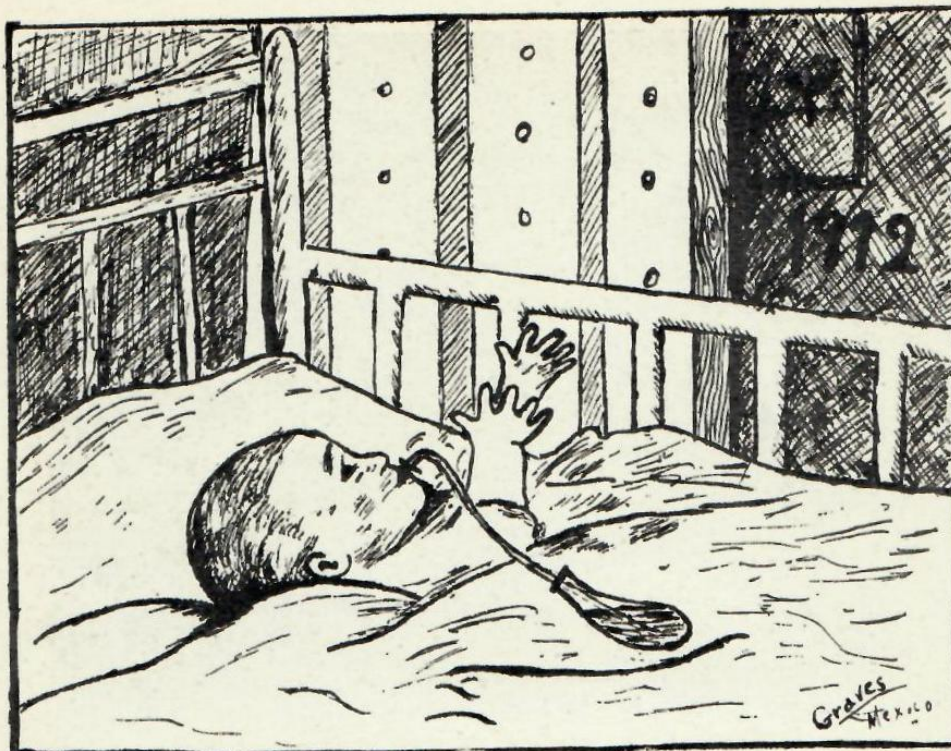
First Row—Craner, Gleason, Woodruff, Jordan, Fellers
 Second Row—Smith, Lindsley, Burrows, Holly, Graves
 Third Row—M. Smith, Becker

SOPHOMORE HISTORY

THE Sophomore class consists of sixteen members. We organized our class on the 15th of February. George Woodruff was elected president, and he has proved to be a good one. Grace Ulery was elected vice president, and Jessie Jordan was appointed to be Secretary and Treasurer.

On the 17th of March we enjoyed a pleasant evening in New Haven, at the home of Grace Holly. We met at the home of our honored president, on the 25th of March. It is needless to say, we had a most enjoyable evening.

Our class colors are gold and brown. The brown is a symbol of our modesty, and the gold is a symbol of our true worth. Our motto is, "Step by Step." We considered that this would help us in our High School work. Our class flower is the well known black-eyed Susan or yellow daisy.



FRESHMAN OFFICERS

Gurley Davis.....	President
Helen Hoose.....	Vice President
Robert Greenleaf.....	Treasurer
Lillian Sill.....	Secretary
George Halligan.....	Business Manager
Bertha Kessler.....	Historian

Motto: To advance not retreat.

Colors: Blue and Gray

Flower: Violet

Yell: Rozzle, gozzle, razzle, dazzle!

Zip! zap! zelve!

We're the class of 1912!



First Row—Day, Spafford, Hollister, Harrington, Loucks, Spencer, Guyett
 Second Row—House, Mowry, Delong, Emery, Orton, Geer, Fox, Tourot
 Halligan, Miller, Gaylord.
 Third Row—Hager, Halligan, Sill, Gilson, Hoose, Learned, Davis, Mellon
 Kessler, Hosford, Pontius.
 Fourth Row—Menter, Greenleaf, Dunlap, Osborne, Loucks

FRESHMAN HISTORY

THE freshmen class this year consists of 44 members and, although so great a number, we have succeeded in working together as one great body united in all worthy things.

We have had several business meetings at the first of which, we elected as president, Gurley Davis; vice president, Helen Hoose; secretary and treasurer, Robert Greenleaf; historian, Bertha Kessler. Later Robert Greenleaf resigned as secretary and Lillian Sill was elected in his place.

Our class colors are blue and grey and our class flower the violet. "To advance and not to retreat," is our motto. According to this motto, we have in every way, endeavored to act. Although our pathway has not been all roses, especially the hallways, we have "won out" and are ready to try again next year.

BERTHA KESSLER, '12.

GLEE CLUB 1908-1909

THE Girls' Glee Club of our High School was organized in the middle of November, 1908 with a membership of 20, 5 altos and 15 sopranos. Under the able direction of Miss Helen Chapin, rehearsals were held in the High School chapel each Thursday afternoon at the close of school.

Although the club has appeared before the public but a few times this year—at the Christmas rhetoricals in chapel and at the awarding of the W. C. T. U. prizes at the Presbyterian church, April 26th,—yet, each time they showed much ability and faithful practice. The crowning event of the year's work was their concert, given at New Haven, May 7th, when they won many laurels.

W. C. T. U. PRIZES

THIS year the W. C. T. U. opened a contest for the High School students offering prizes for the two best essays on "The value of total abstinence to a life" and "The value of total abstinence to a nation." The first prizes were two dollars, the second prizes one dollar. On Monday evening April 23th in the Presbyterian church the three prize essays were read and greatly enjoyed by the High School students and their friends. At the close Mrs. R. A. Orvis awarded the prizes as follows. First prize for the girls, Margaret Becker, second prize Bessie Elmhirst; first prize for boys, Roy Austin.

ATHLETICS



R. Sampson, r.e.; D. Stone, q.b.; E. Smith, r.h.b.(capt.); H. Elkins, l.h.b.; F. Gantley, f.b.

FOOTBALL

SOON after school opened, the football team was organized with Smith as captain, and Herzberger manager. A subscription was taken, which resulted in the purchase of new suits.

The team had for a time, the benefit of the experienced coaching of Clemens, Patton, Johnson and members of the alumni. The team showed the good derived, by the good games played, and made everybody aware that a coach was a necessity, not a luxury. Out of five games played two were lost.

Record:—

Mexico H. S.	0	Phoenix H. S.	6
" "	6	Adams H. S.	6
" "	6	Phoenix H. S.	4
" "	49	Parish	0
" "	0	Oswego H. S.	20

TEAM

E. Pond, l.e.; A. Craner, l.t.;
H. Spencer, l.q.; F. Harrington, c.;
A. Craner, r.g.; R. Herzberger, r.t.;

BASKET BALL

Basket ball followed closely upon the football season. Paul Gleason was elected captain and Donald Stone, manager. The season was a very successful one for the team only three games being lost out of twelve, resulting in a total of 390 points for M. H. S. to 257 for their opponents.

It is a difficult matter to distribute honors among the

team, Stone and Gleason doing very effective guard work, Sampson and Elkins throwing many baskets and Smith and Richardson doing both. The excellent pass work was a feature of the teams playing, also Sampson's ability to throw fouls.

We, only wish to express the sentiment of the student body in acknowledging the high character of their work during the last four years. To fill their places will be a hard task to accomplish.

TEAM

Sampson	}	Forwards	Smith	}	Center
Elkins			Richardson		
			Herzberger		
Gleason	}	Guards	Richardson—Referee		
Stone					

Basket Ball Record:—

Mexico High School	18	Phoenix High School	6
" " "	21	Oswego High School	63
" " "	24	Phoenix High School	19
" " "	21	Eagles A. C.	14
" " "	30	All-Parish	13
" " "	44	L. S. R. Oswego	34
" " "	21	Calthrops B. C.	41
" " "	16	Sandy C'k High School	17
" " "	48	New Haven	9
" " "	29	New Haven	15
" " "	61	Sandy C'k High School	11
" " "	37	New Haven	15
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	390		257



A MORE ATTRACTIVE CHAPEL

THERE are many ways of making a school-room more pleasing to the eye. Our plan has done more. Besides adding to the attractiveness it has shown the appreciation and the kindly sentiments which the alumni and students have for their Alma Mater.

This year, at the suggestion of our Principal, several members of our High School succeeded in obtaining from former students and teachers of this Academy, who have entered other halls of learning, banners representing different schools in the Union. We have on our chapel walls, banners from the east and west. They represent the following schools and colleges: Syracuse, California, West Point, Cook, Princeton, Colgate, Hamilton, Montana, Wells, St. Lawrence, Cornell, Keuka, Vassar and Yale. The largest and most attractive one of all however, is that of our own Mexico Academy. This penant was given by the students and faculty of the High School during the term 1908-09, and holds the most important position, — over the rostrum.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

TO the Merchants and business men, who have so willingly aided us, financially, in putting before the public, this number of the Mexican, we, the Class of 1909, extend our thanks and appreciation of their kindness. We earnestly hope that this Annual may prove to be of some benefit to them.

A FEW DATES OF IMPORTANCE(?)

- Sept. 8. Seated upon the platform,
 How timid, they did appear
 With looks so gentle and modest,—
 We thought(?) We had nothing to fear.
- Sept. We welcome the little stranger.
- Sept. 29. Miss Chase, in English History, asked Miss
 Gr--n--af concerning the character of Harold also
 Miss D--l-p the character of William. Some wish
 Miss Chase would not be so personal in class.
- Oct. 3. The English History class have a short recitation.
 Why?
- Dec. 8. Mr. T--m-s and Miss E--h---t at the foot of Pulaski
 Hill, O Mr. Th---s are we all alone?
- Jan. 2. 4:45 Prof. appears at the door,
 Spoon(er)s fly.
- Jan. 28. Ladies of the chemistry class serve free luncheons
 in laboratory.
- Feb. 14. Spring is coming—violets appear.
- March 1. Some slats loose somewhere, Mr. Smedley takes a
 lowly position.
- April 1. Many jokes(?) afloat in the air.
 Spelling unusually interesting. Some of the
 Juniors learn to spell a new word, microscope.
- April 5. Mr. Holly declares in French class that he is too
 young to strike his father.
- April 20. Mr. Thomas tries to assist Miss Chapin with the
 singing.
- April 21. Stone rather late but manages to reach the build-
 ing at 3:50 p. m.
- April 22. Miss H--t--ll informs American History class that
 "Habeas Corpus" means the burial of the dead.
- April 23. "Wedding Bells."
- May 7. Our president receives a "royal welcome" home.

SPECIALS

Village:

Sweet smiling village, loveliest of the plain,
Where health and plenty cheered the laboring swain,
Where beckoning spring, its earliest visit paid,
And parting summer's lingering blooms delayed.

Mexico High School:

The cornerstone in Truth is laid,
The guardian walls of Honor made,
The roof of Faith is built above,
And Wisdom reigns, where all is Love.

Faculty:

Oh proudly gifted, 'midst the graphic train.
With equal skill to practise and explain.

Prof. Sickles:

Unmoved by praise, he stands by all confest,
The truest, noblest, wisest, kindest, best.

Prof. Thomas:

Proud was his tone, but calm; his eye
Had that compelling dignity,
His mien, that bearing haughty and high,
Which common spirits fear. (?)

Miss Northrup:

Softly, beautiful as evening's close,
Angelic woman into being rose.

Miss Chase:

Her smile, her speech with winning sway,
Would while the dullest hour away.

Miss Cooper:

No simplest duty is forgot
Life has no dim and lonely spot,
That doth not in her sunshine share.

Miss Chapin:

But oh! what art can teach,
What human voice can reach.

Post Graduates:

It is a pity and a shame—alas! alas! I know it is,
To tread the trodden grapes again,
But so it has been, so it is.

Edith Munson:

A pleasing manner, a firm, yet cautious mind,
Sincere tho' prudent: constant, yet resign'd.

Geraldine Holley:

A creature not too bright or good,
For human nature's daily food.

Seniors:

As one lamp lights another, nor grows less,
So nobleness enkindleth nobleness.

Dorr Hartson:

His calm and dignified manner would proclaim him,
A man of importance and a serious personage.

Laura Dunlap:

Very sensible, yet full of fun
She has a smile for every one;
Over her face a frown rarely passes,
She is one of our happiest lasses.

Glenn Wallace:

Suave and polished, he is the despair
And admiration of the female sex.

Roy Sampson:

A lady's heart in the sunshine of that smile
Can last no longer than the proverbial snow ball—
in Panama.

Eva Spicer:

She is a maiden constant and kind,
Holy, pure and humble in mind.

Roy Austin:

A silent man is he and full of gravity,
But when disputes arise, he is authority.

Mildred Smith:

Her heavenly form
Angelic, but more soft and feminine
Her graceful innocence.

Josie Jenkins:

Nods and becks and wreathed smiles.

Albert Craner:

Craner is my name,
America is my nation,
Mexico is my dwelling place,
Teasing girls, my occupation.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Lost—Freshman class on third floor, Sept. 8.

Wanted—A book entitled "How to make Love." R. A--t-n.

Lost—Our old white nag. Said horse strayed away from
Sampson's store one dark evening. L. D--l-p.

Given Away—Lessons in Esperanto. Everyone invited.
E. Emery.

Wanted—A dictionary. Physics class.

Lost—All our ideas. Editorial Staff.

Found—A pony—Kind, gentle, will stand without hitch-
ing. G. C--m--s.

Wanted—A cure for that sleepy feeling. B. E--h---t.
(3rd period p. m.).

Found—A lemon. W. R-g--s.

Wanted—A new song. Glee Club.

"QUERIES"

We wonder if Mr. Th-m-s found Mr. Elmhirst's razor
sharp the night of the Junior party.

Why would Eleanor Fenner have no fear of crossing the
ocean in a storm? Because she is used to Ga(i)l(es).

Why are the Juniors so disagreeable when out in com-
pany? Because they always have a Row(e) in their midst.

Why does C. Richardson visit school so often? Because
it is (W)right that he should be there.

CLASS OF '11

Sophomores:

"The worlds in which we live are two
The world 'I am' and the world 'I do'."

George Woodruff:

This boy's fair face, and courage free,
Show he is come of high degree.

Wanda Rogers:

She sighed and looked and sighed and looked,
And sighed and looked and sighed again.

Vera Graves:

Art she had none, yet wanted none
For nature did that want supply.

Lona Smith:

Heaven's image was in her, well expressed.

Jessie Jordan:

"O innocence(?) deserving Paradise!"

Bessie Burrows:

"Nothing but straight necessity subdues me."

Margaret Becker:

Thy soul is in thy face.

Grace Ulery:

With her looks so sweet and her eyes so fair,
Her graceful step and her angelic(?) air.

Earnest Pond:

He seems one, who in the field or chase
A baron's train would nobly grace.

Grace Holly:

If I could but paint her genteel air,
And the tallness of her person, you would be
amazed.

Carl Fellers:

Black are his eyes, curly his tresses
Of much mischief, this culprit confesses.

Myrtis Smith:

Her merry eye is full and black,
Her cheeks are rosy and bright.

CLASS OF '12

Freshmen:

Don't be to too savage with the Freshies,
The primer doth not say,
The kitten ought to go to church
Because the cat doth prey.

Gurley Davis:

But I've consid'ble o' thet sort o' head
That sets to home an' thinks wut might be said.

Helen Hoose:

Love's my petition. All my ambition.

Gay Osborne:

Every grace his youth adorning,
Glorious as the star of morning.

Arla Gilson:

No graces can her form improve.

Robert Richards:

A portly prince and goodly to the sight.

Edith Ripsom:

Kind, good and gracious to the last.

Ethel Clarke:

O fairest of the rural maids!

Eliza Emery:

Learned, virtuous, pious, great.

Harold Day:

Too gentle of mien he seemed and fair
For a child of those rugged steeps.

Marie Dunlap:

Fair, sweet and young.

Ward Loucks:

"Illustrious youth."

STRAY CLIPPINGS

F. J. Sickles:

Wherever he met a stranger,
There he left a friend.

Miss Northrup:

So sweet, so lovely and so mild, was she.

Donald Stone:

Is he from Heaven, this mighty champion, come?

Dorothy Greenleaf:

The playful smiles around the dimpled mouth,
That happy air of majesty and truth.

Grace Sherman:

Meek and demure,
Quiet and sweet.

Beulah Wright:

Our country's going to know her,
World wide will be her fame;
When she is soothing fevers,
And healing the sick and lame.

Marguerite Hartwell:

A pleasing girl to have about,
Scattering sunshine is her art;
Always prompt in everything,
Ever ready for her part.

Florence Avery:

No one can deny that Florence, so trim
In her stiff starched dresses looks very prim;
And often she has with her very sweet voice
Caused *one* who listened to wonder and rejoice.

Rose Hardie:

In beauty, or wit,
No mortal as yet
To question your empire has dared:

POPULAR MELODIES

"The Miller"	Arthur Craner
"Dorothy"	Harold Elkins
"America"	Miss Chapin
"Morning, noon and night"	Florence Avery
"Thine Forever"	Dorr Hartson
"Because of You"	Grace Sherman
"Teach me how to win a beaux"	Geraldine Holley
"Violets"	Miss Northrup
"Lonely"	Mr. Sickles

ANTE ET POST

Four times the awful summons keeps each student
 from his rest,
 For he now must put on paper, his knowledge, the
 very best.
 All fun and pleasure must now be o'er
 While toil and study knock at the door,
 Soon everything seems to say, "Tis time for
 wisdom's store,"
 Only this and nothing more.
 "Mercy! Wasn't that awful? Worst I ever tried."
 "The South was opened to the North by
 Paul Revere's ride."
 "What did you put?" "O I skipped it. Didn't
 'spose we had that war."
 "Never saw such horrid questions in all my
 life before,"
 "Well this examination's over, I shan't worry
 any more"
 "For its now a thing of yore."

"HIT OR MISS"

School Clock:

Slowly the hour hand of the clock moves round,
So slowly no human eye has power to see it move.

Glee Club:

A great many hearts stop their beating,
A great many eyes turn quite wet,
A great many mouths open wider
With the words that cause such regret.

The hair of many stands upright
And faces become a terrible sight
When Prof. from the rostrum announces
"The Glee club will practice tonight."

High School:

What tragedies! what comedies are there!
What joy and grief! what rapture! what despair!

Dorr Hartson:

A ship without a rudder,
An oyster without a pearl;
But the strangest sight I ever saw,
Was Dorr without his girl.
Jan. 25. Washington Hall.

Bessie Elmhirst:

Weary, weary of my weight,
Let me, let me drop my freight.

Mr. Thomas:

His voice was ever soft, gentle and low—
An excellent thing in a woman.

Grace Ulery:

Late as it is I put myself to school,
And feel some comfort not to be a fool.

Roy Sampson:

His learning and untainted manners too.

Eva Dyke:

Was it the work of nature or of art,
That temp'ered so the features of her face?

Tackley and Ulery:

The extremest ways they first ordained,
Prescribing such intolerable pain.

(High collars)

Juniors:

Some by their friends, more by themselves,—
thought wise.

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Everything was quiet and peaceful,
Suddenly came a terrific roar,
Smedley sailing through the air
Found himself upon the floor.

Harold Whitney:

He thought no voice had such a swing
As hers, when she began to sing.

Beulah Wright:

The best of all ways to lengthen our days,
Is to steal a few hours from the night, my dear.

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I lack mathematical ability
And also considerable space,
To write down the number of minutes
Spent in chapel by W-ll-c and Grace.

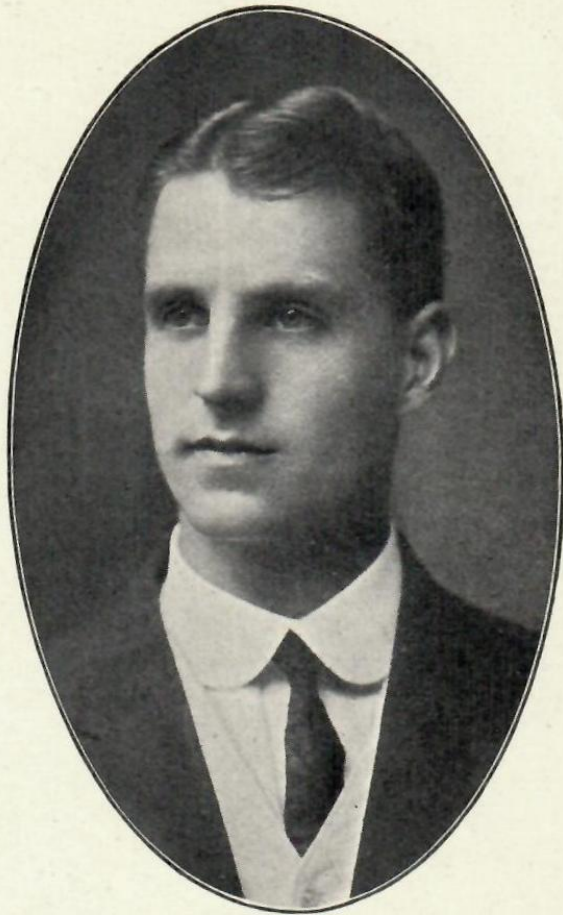
Two other rear seats are unempty
Yet the shadows have banished the light,
When Austin and Avery steal homeward
Me thinks 'tis almost at night.



"YE FRESHMEN"

I stood upon a mountain;
I gazed down the plain;
I saw a lot of green stuff
That looked like waving grain.

I took another look at it,
I thought it must be grass;
But goodness, to my horror,
It was the Freshman Class!!



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